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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Honorable Commissioner of  
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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed August 29, 2005 which time for response, as extended by a Petition for a two month extension of time filed concurrently herewith expires January 29, 2006, please amend the claims in conformity with the following Listing of Claims and the indication of allowable subject matter and consider the following Remarks: